REMARKS

The drawings were objected to. The specification was objected to. Claims 7 and 12 were objected to. Claims 1, 3, 8, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b). Claims 2, 4 to 7, 9 to 15 and 18 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103.

A new drawing has been submitted. The specification and claims 1, 4, 5, 8, 10 to 14, 17, 19 and 20 have been amended. Claims 2, 9 and 18 have been canceled without prejudice.

Drawing Objections

The specification has been amended at [0028] to clarify that stripper 5 was meant to be stripper 16 shown in Fig. 2.

A new Fig. 4 is submitted for the Examiner's approval to show a fourth web 33. This web is clearly described in the specification at paragraph [0029], which has been amended, and elsewhere. No new matter has been added.

Approval of the drawing and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Specification and Claim Objections

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner and withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested. Claims 7 and 12 have been amended to correct the antecedent basis and withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. 102 and 103 rejections

Claims 1, 3, 8, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b). Claims 2, 4 to 7, 9 to 15 and 18 to 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103. Claims 1, 8 and 17 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 2, 9 and 18 respectively, which were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Tornberg in view of Loebach.

Tornberg discloses a web fed printing machine in which two printed webs are superimposed before longitudinally folding the webs. Sheets which have been cut from a third web are sandwiched between the two superimposed webs before the folding process. Tornberg does not disclose to collect the cut sheets from the third web before feeding them between the

first and the second web. Only single sheets are fed one after the other and spaced to each other between the two webs.

Loebach teaches a folder collect cylinder 22 which is located within a folding apparatus and which collects intermediate products. In column 3, line 51 to 55, Loebach teaches that after the printed web leaves the printing press, it is slit into ribbons, which are led over one another and passed between a pair of leading rolls and then between cutting cylinders that cut them into an intermediate product. This intermediate product is fed to the collect cylinder 22 which serves to collect two or more of those intermediate products before transferring them in synchronism to a jaw cylinder.

Claim 1 now recites a method including:

cutting a first folio from a third web in the rotary press;

storing the first folio on a storage device;

transferring the first folio from the storage device to a position between the first and second webs; and

cutting a second folio from the third web;

the storing step including storing the second folio in a stacked relationship relative to the first folio on a precollect cylinder of the storage device;

the transferring step including simultaneously transferring the stacked first and second folios from the precollect cylinder to the position between the first and second webs.

As admitted in the office action, Tornberg does not teach or show "simultaneously transferring the stacked first and second folios [from the third web] from the precollect cylinder to the position between the first and second webs."

Loebach teaches folios from *all webs* in a stacked relationship and thus does not teach the claimed limitation of "simultaneously transferring the stacked first and second folios [from the third web] from the precollect cylinder to the position between the first and second webs" because Loebach teaches to perform all of the collecting process after all of the webs are superimposed.

Moreover, in column 4, line 4 to 10, Tornberg teaches to collect sections in the cutting and folding apparatus downstream of the half-speed sheet accelerating mechanism and the drag roller 77. Tornberg therefore teaches away from "simultaneously transferring the stacked first

and second folios [from the third web] from the precollect cylinder to the position between the first and second webs" as claimed, as a person skilled in the art also would have been taught by Tornberg to collect the sheets downstream of the accelerating mechanism.

Withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims thus is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 17 have been amended to recite limitations which also are not shown by either Tornberg or Loebach and withdrawal of the rejection to claims 8 and 17 and their remaining dependent claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

The present application is respectfully submitted as being in condition for allowance and applicants respectfully request such action.

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